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SUBJECT AMERICAN SCHOOLS AND HOSPITALS ABROAD

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1. TWO HOSPITALS FOUNDED BY U.S. MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION TEAM ARE FUNCTIONING IN SOUTHERN CHAD. BOTH HAVE EXCELLENT REPUTATION AND ARE PLANNING ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS WHICH COULD USE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. HEADQUARTERS CONTACT IS MR. WINCHELL, TEAM, BOX 969, WHEATON, ILLINOIS, 60178. ALSO, TEAM ADMINISTRATOR IN CHAD FOR LAST FOUR YEARS BEN STROHSCHNEIN, WILL BE PASSING THROUGH WHEATON JULY 12-14.

2. KOUMRA HOSPITAL, APPROXIMATELY 100 BEDS, INCLUDES IN ADDITION ORPHTHAMOLOGICAL SECTION, DENTIST, RURAL HEALTH CLINICS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS. THREE DOCTORS, ONE DENTIST AND ONE NURSE ARE ALL U.S. CITIZENS. KR. SEYMOUR, THE FOUNDING OFFICER, HAS THE SAME REPUTATION HERE AS THE FAMOUS "BURMA SURGEON" DR. SEAGRAVE.

3. BEBALEM HOSPITAL, APPROXIMATELY 200 BEDS, INCLUDES A TRAINING PROGRAM FOR MIDWIVES NURSES, AND LABORATORY TECHNICIANS. THEY HAVE APPLIED TO EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AID FUNDS FOR ASSISTANCE TO ESTABLISH TWO RURAL MEDICAL CENTERS TO TEACH PREVENTIVE MEDICINE FOR MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, BUT APPLICATION WAS REJECTED. ALTHOUGH U.S. FOUNDED AND STILL PARTIALLY U.S. FUNDED, HOWEVER, THIS HOSPITAL ENTIRELY STAFFED BY NON-AMERICANS: TWO FRENCH DOCTORS; AND THREE
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CANADIAN, ONE SWEDISH, AND ONE FRENCH NURSE.

4. NEED CLARIFICATION ON QUALIFICATION OF QUOTE NOT FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES UNQUOTE. THESE HOSPITALS WERE FOUNDED TO SERVE A MEDICAL NEED, BUT ARE SUPPORTED BY RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION DONORS AND ARE INTEGRATED INTO THE CHADIAN PROTESTANT CHURCH SYSTEM. PLEASE

ADVISE THE FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF SUCH A SCHOOL OR HOSPITAL TO QUALIFY FOR AID UNDER SUBJECT PROGRAM. (FY -- HOSPITALS REQUIRE STUDENT NURSES TO BECOME CHRISTIANS BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED FOR TRAINING, BUT NO RPT NO QUALIFICATIONS ARE PLACED ON FOR ADMISSION TO HOSPITAL.)('

5. SCHOOLS. NO INSTITUTIONALIZED U.S. FOUNDED PRIVATE SCHOOLS EXIST IN CHAD. SEVERAL AMERICANS PRACTICING THE BAHAI FAITH ARE ACTIVE, HOWEVER, AND ENGAGED IN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITIES. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE HAS BEGUN A SELF-SUPPORTING SCHOOL IN MOUNDOU FOR WOMEN TO TEACH SEWING AND HANDICRAFTS. WOULD SMALL PROPOSALS FROM THIS ORGANIZATION BE CONSIDERED?

6. WHAT SIZE OF PROPOSAL WILL BE CONSIDERED?
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